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1. In March 1951 [REDACTED] turn over to the Chinese Communists the Taiku Hospital, Taiku, Shansi Province, about 400 miles west of Peiping. The hospital was designed to have a 60-bed capacity but actually contained about 100 beds. It was equipped with an operating unit, a maternity unit and a nursery. The X-ray unit had earlier been stolen by the Japanese. The hospital is housed in a long two-story building which has three wings for the men's section and two wings for the women's section.

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2. Connected with the hospital is a nurses' training school. [REDACTED] the Communists will keep this school in operation because there is nothing else like it in the interior of China. They have already lowered the standards considerably. [REDACTED] only senior high school graduates and trained them for a three-year period, the Communists had begun in March 1951 to accept girls with one year of high school and were training them for a two-year period. Because the Chinese need for nurses is so great, [REDACTED] the standard will continue to descend.

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3. Doctors are being trained by the Communists at Fenchou, on the other side of Shansi Province. The young doctors [REDACTED] in Taiku in 1951 who had come from Fenchou knew very little about medicine, and their treatment resulted a few times in death.

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4. Dr Miao, a Chinese doctor of skill and integrity, was in charge of [REDACTED] Hospital in March 1951, and [REDACTED] the Communists would retain him. [REDACTED] in July 1953, however, that Dr Miao had been imprisoned and his wife severely beaten by the Communists. [REDACTED] the only other doctor at the hospital was a young Chinese who had just completed his internship.

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5. There was only one other hospital in Taiku, a small government dispensary in the middle of the village where government employees could get supplies and minor treatments. Serious cases were always sent to Taiku Hospital.

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